



**THE HAPPY WARRIORS** . . . Students and staff members at West High School have plenty to crow about this year as they watch the school trophy case fill up. The Warriors added eight trophies to the growing collection this fall, winning awards in everything from football to speech. Pictured with their golden mementos are (from left) Fred Petersen, football coach; Dr. Robert Ford, principal; Bob Hottel, cross country coach; and Steve Bunch, student body president.

West teams won Pioneer League championships in Varsity, Bee, and Cee football; varsity and junior varsity cross country competition; and a CIF cross country championship. The school band was named best band in the city of Bell's 40th anniversary parade and the speech team won second place in the sweepstakes division of the Fall Novice Speech Tournament.

### Children's Christmas Festival

Underprivileged children, as well as the children of members, will be treated to a Christmas party by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3261, today at 2 p.m. Post officials note that if the children are "real good," Mrs. Santa Claus may come along with Santa to help hand out presents, and stockings filled with candy and oranges.

Members of the post auxiliary will serve punch and cookies to the children after a puppet show presented by an internationally known puppeteer. There will be coffee for the adults.

Post 3261 has invited the wives and children of servicemen to attend the Christmas festivities.

The post is located at 1822 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

### Lomita to Administer Own Gas Tax Projects

Lomita city officials will administer the use of their gas tax revenues effective immediately, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Lomita was one of 13 Los Angeles County cities which previously assigned its revenues from the Collier-Unruh Act of 1963 to the county to expedite road projects. However, reforms approved recently by the State Legislature allow the cities to administer their projects without undue delay caused by "red tape" at the state level.

The county was more than willing to serve Lomita's road needs by accepting the gas tax revenues and funneling them back to the city through the construction of road projects," Chace said. "However, since the red tape element has been eliminated, there is no need for the county to serve the city in this capacity," he added. "The authority therefore is placed directly in the hands of the city — where it belongs."

### Reagan Renews Pledge Not to Increase Taxes

SACRAMENTO — Governor Ronald Reagan said in his press conference last week that he is "firmly resolved" not to raise taxes next year. The governor was asked that if, exclusive of Medi-Cal,

the forthcoming reports of his various task forces would contain recommendations sufficient to permit the state to live within its anticipated income, the governor said: "They had better be. I am firmly resolved not to raise taxes."

HIS DIRECTOR of Finance, Gordon Smith, previously painted a bleak picture of state finances in a letter to legislators. Smith said that unless reforms in spending are effectuated, the State faces the necessity of a tax raise for not only the 1967-68 fiscal year, but for all fiscal years thereafter.

The governor pointed out "the picture is bleak," and emphasized the need for revision in the State's spending habits, not only connected with Medi-Cal and welfare, but in all other fields as well. "We expect the task force reports to come up with recommendations, some of which the administration can implement, and others which will concern the Legislature," he said.

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Last year the home of the caretaker at the Empty Saddle Club in Rolling Hills Estates was gutted by fire, leaving him, his wife and five children with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Within 24 hours the club members and neighbors had set them up in housekeeping in the club house. But it didn't stop there. Since then, the 50-member club has spent countless weekend hours rebuilding the house with their own hands. This kind of giving is the essence of the Christmas spirit. It is a gift of heart and hands, a gift of self.



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